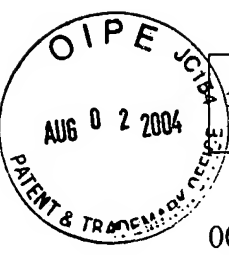


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Christian L. Fronda
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	:	Group Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: 10/088,594	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004 to August 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please amend the application as follows: